Continuance of A-6195
Retroactive Special Permit Request
Maintain a concrete garage apron that was
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(southwest) yard of the property.

Mr. & Mrs. Evgeny Bakhtin 204 Primrose Street

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE BOARD OF MANAGERS OCTOBER 8, 2012 MEETING STAFF INFORMATION REPORT

TO:

BOARD OF MANAGERS

FROM:

ELLEN SANDS, PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

DATE:

9/26/2012

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF CASE NO. A-6195 RETROACTIVE SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST-CONTINUED

MR. & MRS. EVGENY BAKHTIN, 204 PRIMROSE STREET

MAINTAIN A CONCRETE GARAGE APRON THAT WAS WIDENED AND THAT MEASURES TWENTY-SEVEN FEET, FOUR INCHES (27'-4") IN WIDTH IN THE REAR YARD OF THE

PROPERTY.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Abutting Owners; Public Notice

APPLICABLE CHEVY CHASE BUILDING REGULATION:

The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-26 states:

Any driveway on private property may not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width without a special permit from the Board of Managers, except that the apron in front of a two-car garage may extend the full width of the two-car garage, provided that such apron does not exceed twenty (20) feet in length.

APPLICABLE COVENANTS:

Covenants are not applicable for Special Permits authorized by Section 8-26 of the Village Code.



Figure 1: View of the garage and apron in the rear (southwest) yard.



Figure 2: View of the portion of the apron (lighter in color) that was installed and that extends an additional five feet, eight inches (5'-8") further to the northwest (left) side than the original apron. The joint of the newly installed concrete is visible in the photo (see plan provided by Applicants).

FACTUAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the September 10, 2012 Board meeting, in response to concerns raised that notices had not been received and that the widened apron had caused storm water run off issues at the abutting property to the northwest (202 Primrose Street), the Board directed staff to re-notice the appeal; to reach out to the abutting property owners; and to observe the abutting properties for evidence of storm water run off from the widened apron.

Staff spoke with the resident at 109 Summerfield Road who confirmed that he had received the notice. This resident stated that he had no objection to the widened apron (see enclosed email).

Staff spoke with the resident at 202 Primrose Street who stated that she did not have complaints about stormwater run off caused by the apron (see enclosed email).

Staff visited the abutting properties and in particular requested permission to enter the premises at 202 Primrose Street. Staff took photographs (enclosed) and did not observe any evidence of water run off issues (no evidence of: eroded water channels; misplaced mulch; or soil sediment).

Although the Code allows driveways on private property to exceed fifteen (15) feet in width, this is limited to the width of the driveway forward of the two-car garage (referred to as a "garage apron") for a length of no more than twenty (20) feet forward of the garage.

Prior to the widening of the garage apron, the apron in front of the existing two-car garage exceeded the width of the garage by one (1) foot and measured twenty-one feet, eight inches (21'-8") in width.

The Applicants widened the apron by adding an additional section measuring five feet, eight inches (5'-8").

To date there have been three emails received from two abutting and confronting neighbors (enclosed) regarding the request. One resident states that they do not object to the widened apron. One states that they have not experienced water run off as a result of the widened apron but that (in a second email) the ongoing work at the subject property has been disruptive.

Applicable Fees: Special Permit Fee: \$300.00; Building Permit Application for Driveways and Features at Grade: \$30. Total: \$380.00

OTHER INFORMATION:

The Applicants had previously obtained a Village building permit to enlarge the front stoop and steps. They have also undertaken replacement of the tiles on the existing rear patio, which did not require a Village permit. In the course of those projects, two new walkways and the additional apron were installed without obtaining the applicable permits. The walkways are compliant with the Village code.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Many of the precedents related to driveway special permit requests involve requests for circular driveways (which have more than one pair of curb cuts), requests for "turnarounds", or requests for driveways wider than the allowable fifteen (15) feet on private property. This request is to maintain a driveway apron that was widened without the applicable permit and that exceeds the width of the two car garage. The most relevant precedents therefore are as follows: On November 9, 1999, Ms. Susan Gallagher and Mr. Michael Williams were granted permission to expand an existing driveway an additional fifteen (15) feet, increasing the total width of the driveway to forty-five (45) feet at the property line. In September 2010, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen C. Conley of 9 West Lenox Street were granted a special permit to replace and expand an existing gravel driveway with a paver driveway. The proposed apron and turnaround area were located on private property and have a maximum width of fifty-four (54) feet. Other recent driveway special permits include: on July 11, 2011, Laura Billings and David O'Neil were granted permission to replace an existing concrete driveway with a brick driveway that measured a maximum of sixteen (16) feet in width in the Kirkside Drive public right-of-way and to replace an existing concrete driveway with a brick driveway that measured a maximum of twenty (20) feet in width on private property. On June 9, 2012 Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Schall of 103 Grafton Street were granted permission to widen an existing driveway to a maximum width of sixteen (16) feet.

FINDINGS REQUIRED:

1. That the proposed special permit is authorized by the Village building regulations.

2. That the proposed special permit will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare nor the reasonable use of the adjoining properties.

3. That the proposed special permit can be granted without substantial impairment of the purpose and intent of the Village building regulations.

Draft Motion

I move to direct staff to draft a decision **APPROVING/DENYING** the special permit request in case A-6195, based on the findings that ...

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on the 8th day of October, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

APPEAL NUMBER A-6195-continued Mr. & Mrs. Evgeny Bakhtin 204 Primrose Street Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

The applicants have filed a request for a retroactive special permit pursuant to Section 8-11 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to maintain a concrete garage apron that was widened and that measures twenty-seven feet, four inches (27'-4") in width in the rear (southwest) yard of the property.

The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-26 states:

Any driveway on private property may not exceed fifteen (15) feet in width without a special permit from the Board of Managers, except that the apron in front of a two-car garage may extend the full width of the two-car garage, provided that such apron does not exceed twenty (20) feet in length.

Additional information regarding this case may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, may be viewed on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov or you may contact the office for this information to be mailed to you.

This notice was mailed to abutting and confronting property owners on the 27th day of September, 2012.

Chevy Chase Village Office 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 301-654-7300

MAILING LIST FOR APPEAL A-6195-CONTINUED

MR. & MRS. EVGENY BAKHTIN 204 PRIMROSE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Adjoining and confronting property owner	S
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Loughney	Ms. Cindy I. George &
Or Current Resident	Mr. Thomas H. Jackson
203 Primrose Street	Or Current Resident
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	205 Primrose Street
	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Martin	Mr. & Mrs. Ivo J. Spalatin
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
202 Primrose Street	206 Primrose Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms. Maureen A. Delaney &	Ms. Juliet Drake &
Mr. William F. Ryan	Mr. William W. McClure
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
107 Summerfield Road	109 Summerfield Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20185
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cullinane	Mr. & Mrs. W. Alan Shearer
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
111 Summerfield Road	113 Summerfield Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20185
Mr. Christopher J. Stephens	
Or Current Resident	
6318 Western Avenue	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

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I hereby certify that a public notice was mailed to the aforementioned property owners on the 27th day of September, 2012.

Ellen Sands Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Chevy Chase Village 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 20815



September 27, 2012

Mr. & Mrs. Evgeny Bakhtin 204 Primrose Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bakhtin:

Please note that the continuance of your request to maintain the apron that was widened on your property is scheduled before the Board of Managers on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Either you or another representative must be in attendance to present your case. At that time, additional documents may be introduced and testimony can be provided in support of the request.

For your convenience, enclosed please find copies of the Public Hearing Notice and mailing list. Please contact the Village office in advance if you are unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sands

Permitting and Code Enforcement

Chevy Chase Village

Enclosures

www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

Chevy Chase Village

Building Permit Application for Driveways and Other Features at Grade

	Permit No: A-61
Property Address: 204 PRIMROSE STE. CHEVY CHASE, MD 20 Resident Name: ALLA BAKHTINA	1811
Resident Name: ALLA BAKHTINA	
Daytime telephone: 240-483-0150 Cell phone:	
After-hours telephone:	
E-mail: ALLA. BAKHTINA DEMAIL. COM	
Primary Contact for Project:	
Resident Architect Project Manager	Contractor*
*MHIC/MD Contractor's License No. (required):	
Primary Contact Information:	
Name: MICHAEL ZLOTNITSKY	
Daytime telephone: 202-243-833(After-hours telephone:	
E-mail: MIKE-Z @ CNCDISTRIBUTION. COM	
Check all that apply:	
Driveway (If a new curb cut is required, note additional fee.)	
Walkway	
Patio, terrace, or deck at grade	
Check all appropriate boxes:	,*
Feature is: [i] new;	
✓ an enlargement of an existing feature; and/or	
☐ being relocated.	
Feature is a replacement in-kind and in the same location.	
Description of project: CONCRETE PAVELYENT (SEE	ENCLOSED DRA

Guidelines for Building, Replacing and Maintaining Driveways

Village Code states that any person intending to install, replace or alter a driveway, or any material part thereof, must first obtain a Building Permit from the Village office. (Residents within the Historic District must also obtain a Historic Area Work Permit; please contact the Historic Preservation Commission directly.)

Driveways are regulated in three areas: (1) the portion of the driveway located on private property, (2) the portion of the driveway that crosses the public right-of-way, and (3) the driveway apron, which is the portion of the driveway that meets the public street. Please refer to the illustration below for an example of these components.

(1) Driveways on Private Property

Driveways on private property may be installed using any material the resident chooses (although residents within the Historic District must consult with HPC), provided that the driveway does not exceed fifteen feet (15') in width. Village Code allows residents to install a wider garage apron—the section of a driveway just forward of a garage—for two-car garages. The apron in front of a two-car garage may extend the full width of the two-car garage for a distance up to twenty feet (20') from the face of the garage. The Code applies this accommodation only for two-car garages.

(2) Driveways on the Public Right-of-Way

All driveways must cross the public right-of-way to access the street, but where private property ends and the public right-of-way begins ends is not always consistent from street to street, and may even vary from block to block (as discussed above). The first step is to determine where the right-of-way begins in front of your property. Your proposed driveway cannot exceed ten feet (10') in width where the driveway crosses the right-of-way. Also, if your driveway (whether new or replacement) crosses or intersects with a public sidewalk, the sidewalk material must be restored/maintained across the driveway so as to create a continuous public sidewalk of consistent material type.

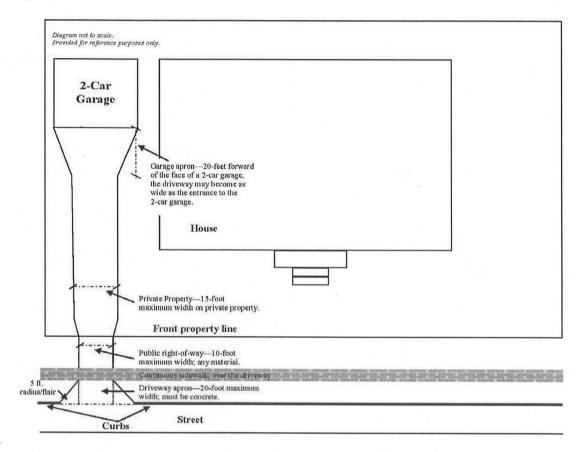
(3) Driveway Aprons

The driveway apron is the portion of the driveway that meets the public street. In addition to the ten foot (10') maximum width of the driveway where the driveway crosses the public right-of-way, the Village Code allows a five foot (5') radius on either side to establish the driveway apron, thereby allowing a maximum width at the curb of twenty feet (20'). While driveways on private property may be installed in any material or color that residents choose, the Village Code specifies that the driveway apron must be installed using concrete in accordance with current Montgomery County standards. Thus, no matter the material used for the driveway itself, the apron must be concrete.

Village Code limits the number of curb cuts permitted per property to one. Accordingly, residents who wish to install a circular driveway will need to request a variance from the Board of Managers.

Unlike other improvements in the public right-of-way, a License to Use the Public Right-of-Way is not required to install or replace driveways or driveway aprons. Replacement of a driveway apron is the sole responsibility of the adjoining property owner, not the Village.

Example:



Building Permit Application Filing Requirements

Application will not be reviewed until the application is complete

	Copy of stamped approved plans from Montg	omery County.		
X	This application form, signed by resident.			
	Boundary Survey			

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- Site Plan (see: Village Site Plan Checklist to ensure completeness) showing exact location of existing and proposed features.
- Tree Preservation Plan requested of Village arborist (see: Village Tree Inspection Request form). All required tree protections must be fully installed before any work begins.
- Filing Fee (due at time of application). Fee schedule is listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code.
- ☐ Damage deposit or performance bond (due when permit is issued). Amount will be set by Village Manager.

Once this permit application is complete, the Village Manager will review the application and accompanying documents and, under most circumstances, act on the application within 5 to 10 working days. If the Montgomery County permit is suspended, revoked or lapsed, the Village permit is automatically suspended, revoked or lapsed. No signs advertising any service provider may be posted on the work site.

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, that I have read and understood all requirements and that the construction will conform to the regulations of the Montgomery County Zoning Code, the Village Code including Urban Forest code, and any covenants and easements on the subject property.

Applicant's Signature: Sella PARHIVAR Date: 8-10-12

	Application approved with the following conditions:
For Use By Village Manager	Application denied for the following reasons:
Chevy Chase Village Manager Filing Fees (due when application submitted Permit Filing Fee: \$30.00 (if new, enlarged or reloc \$15.00 (if a replacement in-kind in the same location) \$50.00 for new curb cut. \$50.00 for construction in the puright-of-way. Tree Preservation Plan Fee:	5906 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase, MD 20815 and
\$250.00 Not required for this project	
TOTAL Fees:	Date: 8/13/12 Staff Signature: Gles Sands

Chevy Chase Village

Application for a Special Permit

Chevy Chase Village Code Section 8-1(aa) defines a Special Permit as permission granted by the Board of Managers in accordance with Article II Division B of this Chapter [8], to construct, install, remove or alter a structure or planting, or take other action where such permission is required by this Chapter.

Subject Property: 204 Primose Street
Describe the Proposed Project: ADDITIONAL CONCRETE PAVENENT ADDED TO THE EXISTING ONE AT THE GARAGE ENTRANCE.
Applicant Name(s) (List all property owners): ALLA BAKHTINA
Daytime telephone: 240-483-0150 Cell:
E-mail:
Address (if different from property address):
For Village staff use: Date this form received: 8 13 12 Special Permit No: A-6185

Filing Requirements:

Application will not be accepted or reviewed until the application is complete

Completed Chevy Chase Village Application for a Special Permit (this form)

Completed Chevy Chase Village Building Permit Application

A boundary survey or plat diagram with a margin of error of one tenth of a foot or less showing all existing structures, projections and impervious surfaces.

Surveys, plats, engineering reports, construction plans/specifications or other accurate drawings showing boundaries, dimensions, and area of the property, as well as the location and dimensions of all structures/fences/walls/etc., existing and proposed to be erected, and the distances of such structures/fences/walls/etc., from the nearest property lines. These drawings shall incorporate and display reference dimensions from the boundary survey or plat diagram required above.

Copy of Covenants, except for special permits authorized by Sections 8-22, 8-26 or Article IV of Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code.

Applicable special permit fee listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code.

Affidavit

I hereby certify that I have the authority to submit the foregoing application, that all owners of the property have signed below, that I have read and understand all requirements and that I or an authorized representative will appear at the scheduled public hearing in this matter. I hereby authorize the Village Manager, or the Manager's designee, and/or the Board of Managers to enter onto the subject property for the purposes of assessing the site in relation to this special permit request. I hereby declare and affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in the foregoing application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant's Signature:

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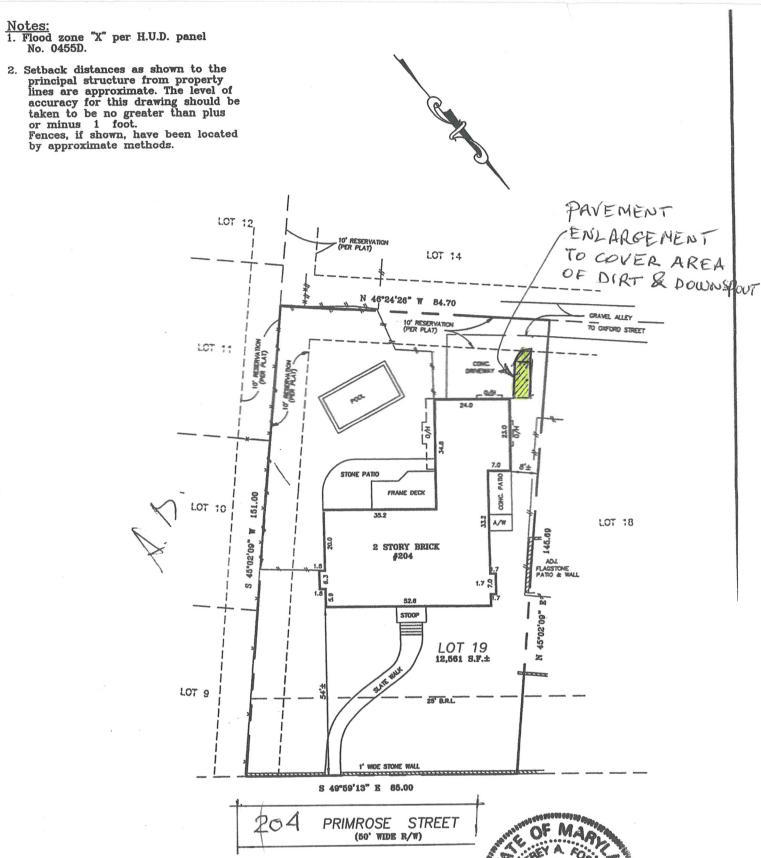
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Describe the basis for the special permit request (attach additional pages as needed):

Describe the reasons why approval of the special permit would not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare or the reasonable use of adjoining properties:

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LOCATION DRAWING
LOT 19, BLOCK C, SECTION 7
CHEVY CHASE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



CCV Permitting

From:

William Mcclure [williamwmcclure@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Sunday, September 16, 2012 10:30 PM

To:

CCV Permitting

Subject:

Re: 204 Primrose Street

I have no objection to the driveway apron.

On Sep 14, 2012, at 9:23 AM, "CCV Permitting" < ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov> wrote:

Mr. McClure:

I appreciate your comments regarding the special permit request at 204 Primrose Street to maintain the garage apron that was widened and your confirming that you did receive the notice. As follow up to our conversation, would you mind taking a minute to jot me a note to that effect and whether or not you object to the applicants being allowed to maintain the apron?

Our typical process is to notify neighbors and if no objections are received the Board can determine that the lack of objection means neighbors are not opposed to the project. In this case though there were comments made at the meeting that neighbors who were not present do indeed object to the project and so the Board has asked me to reach out to the abutting property owners. I'm sure you can appreciate that it is better to have your response in writing rather than my just saying that you told me you do not object to the widening. I apologize for the imposition. Thanks very much for your time,

Ellen Sands
Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator
Chevy Chase Village
Tele. 301-654-7300
FAX 301-907-9721

ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

CCV Permitting

From:

roberta5.martin@comcast.net

Sent:

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 4:09 PM

To:

CCV Permitting

Subject:

Re: 204 Primrose Street

I have not noticed any water runoff from the driveway that was put in Thanks Roberta Martin

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: "CCV Permitting" <ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov>

Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2012 13:58:04 -0400 To: <roberta5.martin@comcast.net>

Subject: 204 Primrose Street

Ms. Martin:

I am touching base with you to see if you would be comfortable sending me something that says you had not noticed water issues at your property as a result of the apron being widened at 204 Primrose Street? I understand the project in general has been an inconvenience for you, and I'm sorry for that, but there was a statement made at the hearing that the project had caused water run off and erosion at your property, and if that's the case (or not) it would be helpful to have something in writing.

As a heads up, the case was continued to the October monthly meeting, so you will be getting the same hearing notice again this month. Many thanks an apologies for any imposition,

Ellen Sands Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Chevy Chase Village Tele. 301-654-7300 FAX 301-907-9721

ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

CCV Permitting

From:

Cindy George [cigeorge@verizon.net]

Sent:

Thursday, September 27, 2012 10:16 PM

To:

CCV Permitting

Subject:

FW: 204 Primrose construction

Roberta Martin's e-mail for the Board book.

Tom

From: roberta5.martin@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, September 16, 2012 7:09 PM

To: Cindy George

Subject: Re: 204 Primrose construction

Tom

My husband and I have mostly been disturbed by the continual noise of the construction that has been on going almost since we moved to this house with the previous owners also. This recent job has included workers in the morning until evening and often holidays. Trucks have been parked in the front making for congestion on the street. The stone work in the front and the side has involved loud grinding noises with stone dust often on our property. We are very tired of the construction and hope that it has come to an end. It might also be helpful to have some foliage to soften the large entryway.

Thanks for going to the board meeting.

Roberta

Roberta Martin

Roberta Martin, M.S., LCPC

Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Washington

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Mobile: 301.908.8110

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